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EVIL ERNIE: HORRIBLE HALLOWEEN



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WELCOME TO THE PSYCHOTIC
STATES OF AMERICA.
OCTOBER 31, 1997. LIBERTY...
LOST. FREEDOM... DEAD.

DIE!

THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE GREATEST
NATION IN THE WORLD, THE GREATEST
SUPERPOWER IS VANQUISHED. NINETY
SEVEN MILLION AMERICANS ARE DEAD,
KILLED IN A FIRESTORM OF SUPERNATURAL
MADNESS AND ULTRA-VIOLENCE.

BUT THEY'RE BACK. THEY'RE WALKING.
THEY'RE **GHOULS** AND THEY SERVE THE
MASTER OF THE PSYCHOTIC STATES,
THE GRAND MESSIAH OF THE UNDEAD,

EVIL ERNIE.

...

AND HE IS
PLEASED.

COME
OUT, COME OUT,
WHERE EVER
YOU ARE.

AS EVERY HOPE, EVERY
SENTIMENT, EVERY WISH,
EVERY PROMISE IS
DECIMATED, GROUND
INTO DUST, HE SMILES.

THE AMERICAN DREAM HAS
BECOME THE AMERICAN
NIGHTMARE. AND THE WORLD...
THE WORLD STANDS POISED
ON THE BRINK OF ANNIHILATION.

IN PLEASANTVILLE, WYOMING, FAR FROM THE MADNESS IN THE EAST AND PROTECTED BY THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI WALL THAT KEEPS THE GHOULS AWAY, LIFE GOES ON.

TRICK
OR
TREAT!

IT'S SAFE HERE IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY, LIKE THE HORRIFYING REALITY BEYOND THE WALL IS A MILLION MILES AWAY.

HOW MANY CANDIES WE GOT, TOM? A BAZILLION?

WE CAN OPEN A CANDY STORE, JIMMY!

HEY, TOM, I HEARD THE SMITHS ARE MOVING TO LOS ANGELES LIKE THE JONES' DID.

~SIGH~ ONE MORE NAME TO CROSS OFF MY PAPER ROUTE. WHY YA SUPPOSE?

TO GET FURTHER AWAY FROM THE GHOULS, I GUESS. WHATTA YOU THINK, SHERRI?

I DON'T KNOW. GOTTA HEAD IN. *CURFEW* TIME.

G'NIGHT, GARTH.

GOOD NIGHT, GAARTH!

AW, SHUT UP, JIMMY.

HOW WAS TRICK OR TREATING?

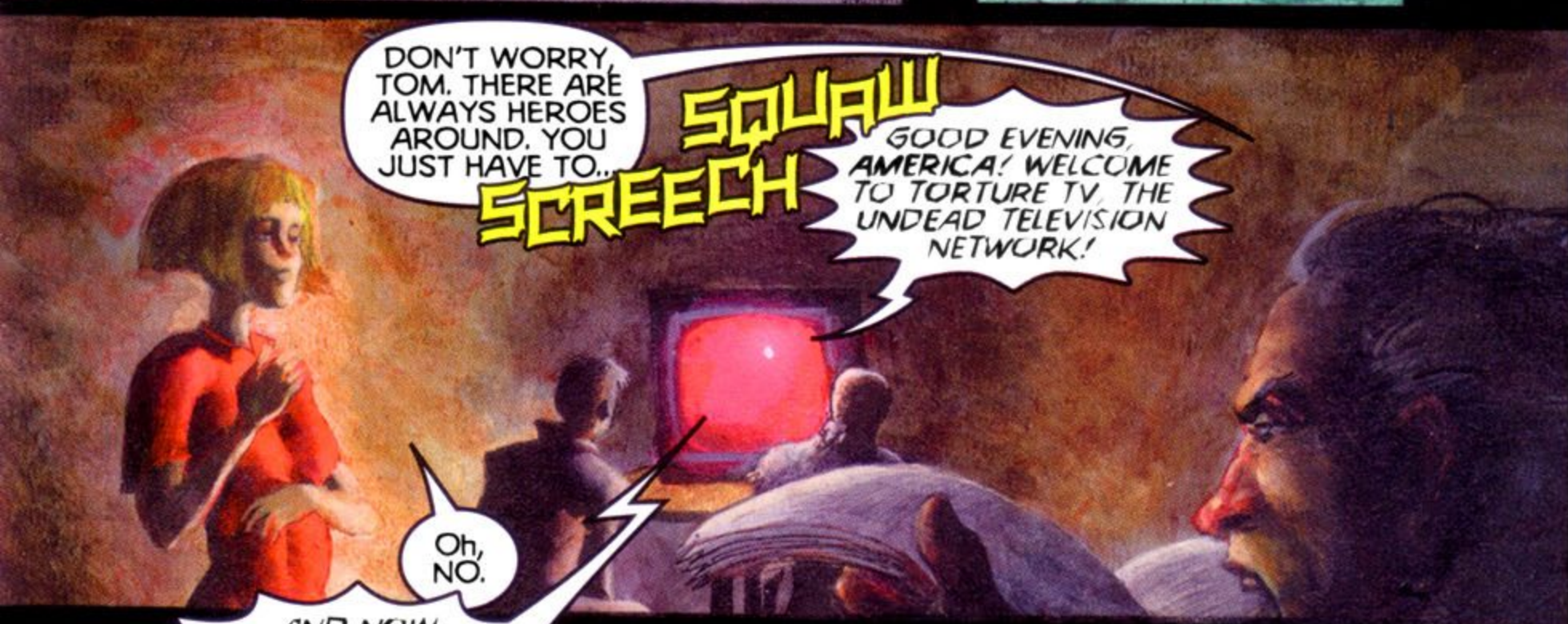
IT WAS EXCELLENT!

WE'RE GONNA GET FAT ON CANDY.

ALL THE KIDS WHO CAME TONIGHT WERE GHOULS OR VAMPIRES OR WEREWOLVES. GIVES ME THE CREEPS.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BEING A SUPER HERO?

EVIL ERNIE KILLED ALL THE HEROES, MA.



WE ARE
HERE TO PRESENT
YOU WITH A VERY
SPECIAL GIFT. IT'S A
GIFT YOU WILL KEEP
FOR THE REST OF
YOUR LIVES.

I love
surprises.



EVIL ERNIE!
WHOA! I NEVER
BELIEVED HE
WAS *REAL*! HE'S
UGLY.

HE'S
NOT! HE'S
A MYTH! THIS
IS JUST A
PRANK!

C'MON,
DAD. THE DEAD
WALK THE EARTH
BACK EAST. WE'RE IN
A STATE OF MARTIAL
LAW. SOMEBODY'S
GOTTA BE IN CHARGE.
I'M SCARED.



THAT'S
ENOUGH!

*TURN
IT OFF!
NOW!*



I'M TRYIN' BUT
HE'S ON EVERY
CHANNEL!

CLICK CLICK
CLICK



*S*ANCTUARY, IOWA.
MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
OF GENERAL RAMSEY.

I WANT
THAT SIGNAL
JAMMED --
NOW!



SIR, IT'S ON EVERY CHANNEL. THEY'RE
NOT USING STANDARD FEEDS. THEY
GOTTA HAVE A SATELLITE... I DON'T
THINK WE CAN JAM IT, SIR.

I DON'T
WANT A STORY,
I WANT RESULTS!

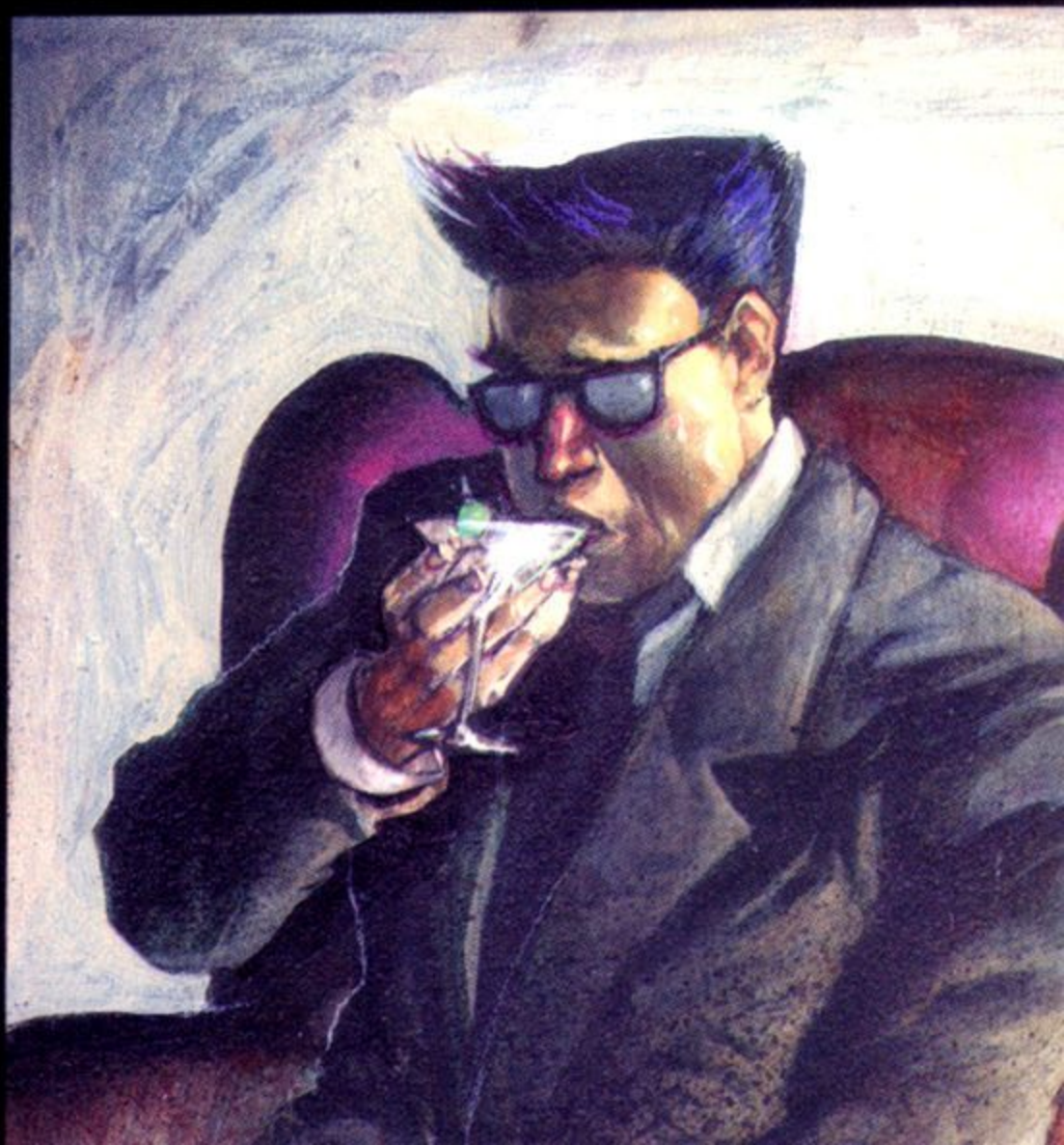
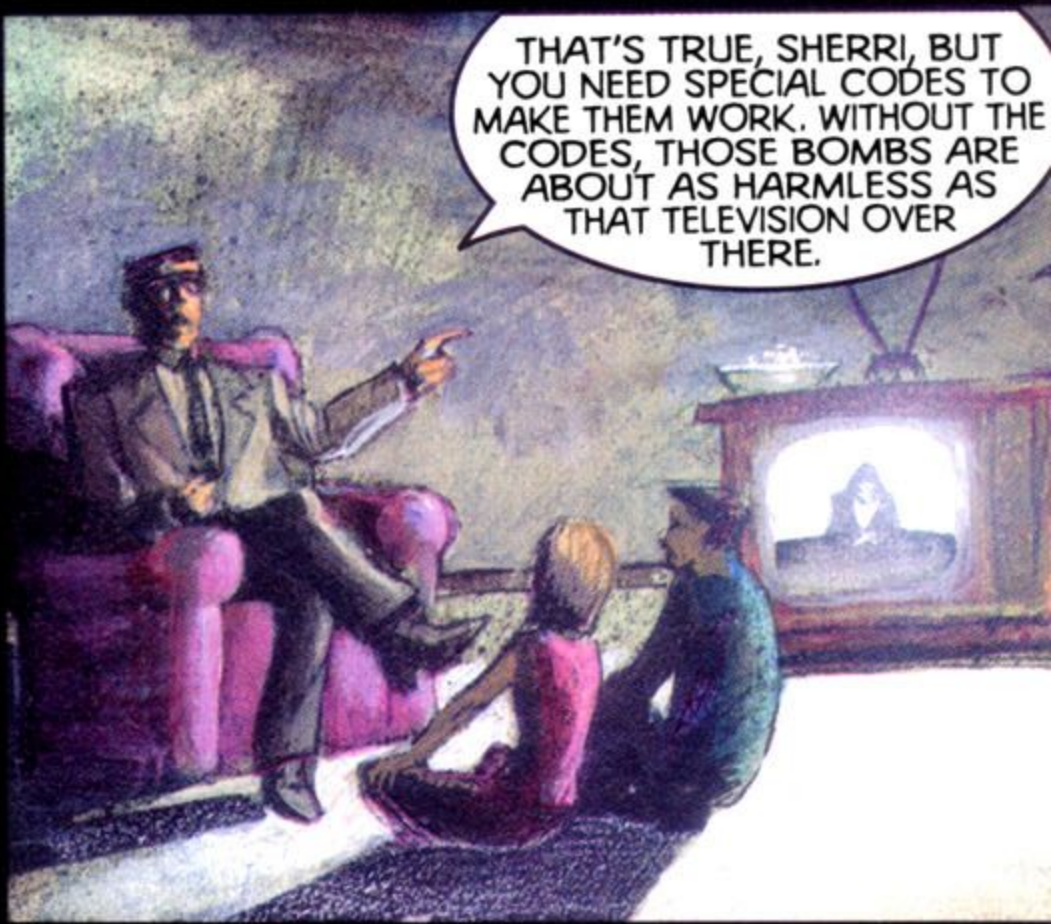


*D*OWN THE STREET AT MITCH
AND SHERRI'S HOUSE.

THIS IS
TOO CREEPY,
MITCH.

TURN
IT OFF,
SHERRI.





AND NOW
A PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENT.

TIRED OF
LIFE? FEELING
SEPARATE, ALONE?
JOIN THE UNDEAD
COMMUNITY. UNDEAD
AGENTS WILL BE
POISONING THE WATERS
OF YOUR HOMETOWN
SOON! IF YOU WANT
HELP, CALL 1-800-
KILL ME.

WE'LL
GET TO YOU
QUICKLY AS
WE CAN.

I WON'T STAND FOR THIS! WE PAY GOOD
MONEY FOR OUR CABLE TV. IT'S A GOD-
GIVEN RIGHT, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

WHATTA YOU
MEAN YOU HAVE
NO CONTROL?

DAD, CALM
DOWN. YOU'RE
SCARING THE
KIDS.



IT'S **SCARY**
OVER HERE. LOTSA
DEAD AND GOOEY
PSYCHOS. MAGGOTS
CRAWLIN' OUTTA THEIR
EYES. USED TO BE
YOUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY. NO
MORE.

LOTS
AND LOTS
OF **KILLERS**.
MAYBE ONE
HUNDRED
MILLION.

I CALL 'EM
FRIENDZ.
THEY LISTEN
TO ME.

DOWN THE ROAD AT
GARTH'S HOUSE.

GARTH.
GET **AWAY**
FROM THE
TV, BOY!

BUT, DAD
WE GOTTA
KNOW.

AIN'T
MUCH TO
KNOW, BOY. WE
JUST GOIN'
TO HELL IN A
BUCKET IS
ALL.

THEY
LISTEN TO
WHAT I WANT
AND I WANT

MEGADEATH!

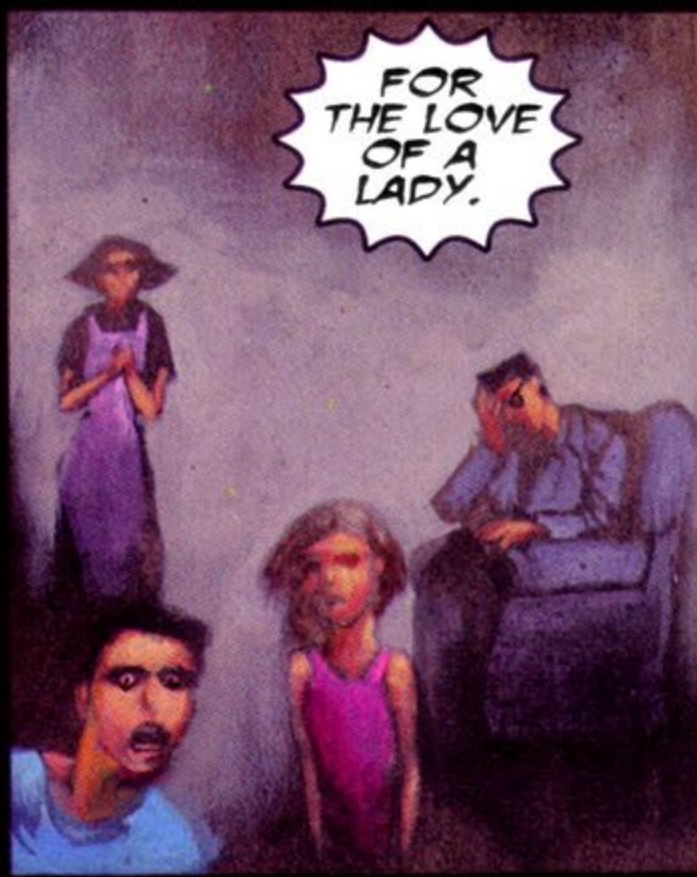


WHY
MEGADEATH?

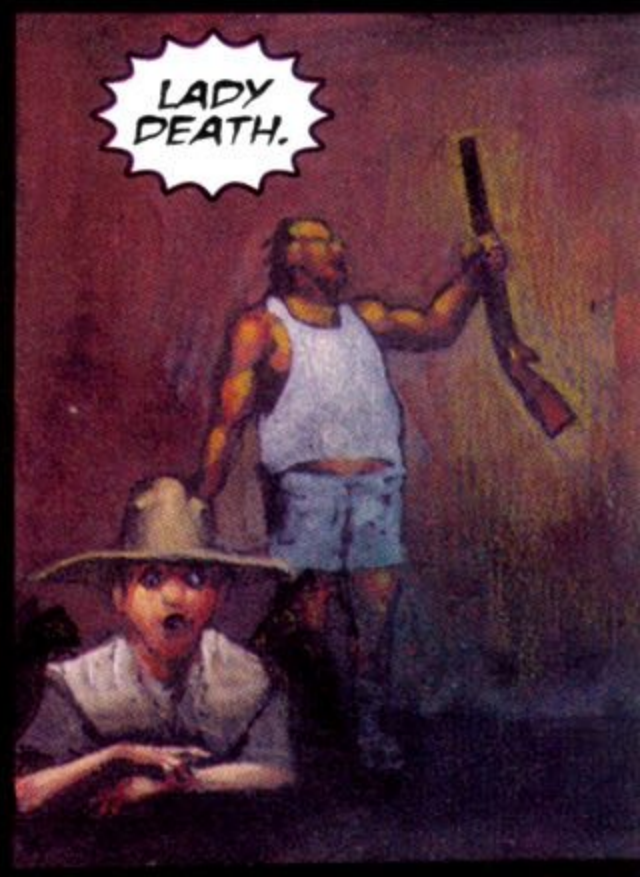
WHY
KILL
YOUZ?



FOR
LOVE.



FOR
THE LOVE
OF A
LADY.



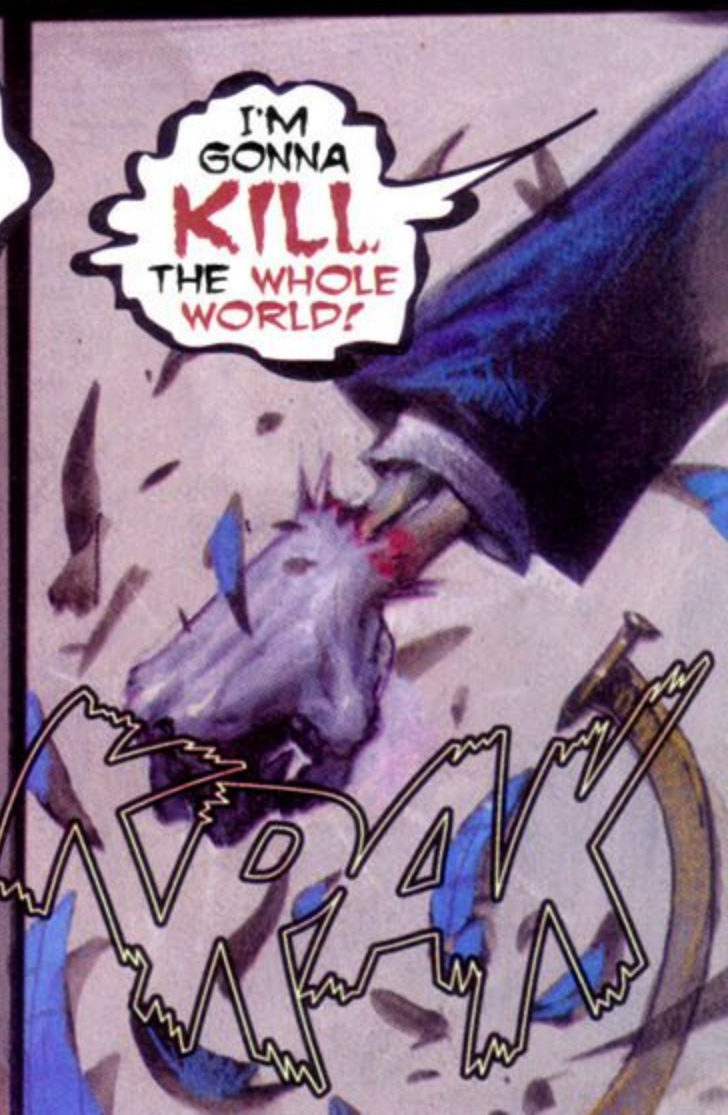
LADY
DEATH.



WHEN
MEGADEATH
HAPPENS, SHE
AND ME, WE'RE
GONNA BE
TOGETHER
AGAIN.

SO YOU
GOTTA
GO.

DON'T
WORRY.
IT WON'T
BE JUST
YOU
GUYS.



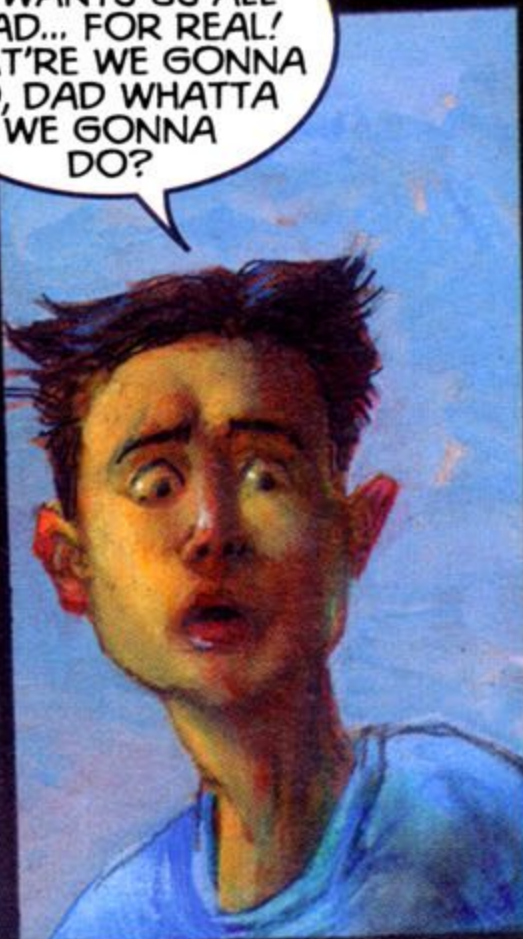
I'M
GONNA
KILL
THE WHOLE
WORLD!



HARV,
TURN IT OFF!
THAT MANIAC
WILL GIVE THEM
NIGHT-
MARES!

I DON'T
LIKE IT ANY
BETTER THAN
YOU, BUT WE
NEVER LIED TO
THE KIDS
BEFORE.

OH
PLEASE, HARV.
WE LIE ABOUT
THIS *EVERY*
DAY.



I'M SCARED.
THIS AIN'T FUNNY.
HE WANTS US ALL
DEAD... FOR REAL!
WHAT'RE WE GONNA
DO, DAD WHATTA
WE GONNA
DO?



I... I
DON'T... THE
GOVERNMENT
NEVER SAID
ANYTHING
ABOUT...

I DON'T
KNOW,
MITCH.

HOPE
YOU'RE
ENJOYING OUR
CELEBRATION
SO FAR!



BESIDES,
THE WALL WILL
HOLD. HAS FOR
YEARS. THEY CAN'T
GET PAST IT.
NEVER HAVE.
NEVER
WILL.

AND
NOW A WORD
FROM OUR
SPONSOR.



KIDDIES,
WHEN YOU'RE
UNDEAD YOU
FEEL NO PAIN,
NO SUFFERING.
WE'RE ALL EQUAL.
ISN'T THAT WHAT
WE'RE ALL
LOOKING
FOR?

IF YOU
HAVEN'T
CONSIDERED
DEATH, ISN'T
IT TIME YOU
DID?

BEEN
PUTTIN' UP WITH
THIS **CRAP** FER
YEARS. AIN'T GONNA
GET ANY BETTER. WE'RE
DONE FOR. MY FAMILY
AIN'T GONNA GET
BIT BY ONE OF
THOSE THINGS. NO
WAY.

ONLY
ONE THING
GONNA
SOLVE
THIS...

FEELING SAFE?
FEELING COZY
HIDING BEYOND
THE WALL?

'CAUSE
WE'RE COMING.
ONE HUNDRED
MILLION
STRONG.

WE
WANT
TO KILL
YOU.

NO
MATTER
WHERE YOU RUN.
NO MATTER
WHERE YOU
HIDE.

SILLY.

KNOW
WHY?

WE
**WILL
FIND
YOU!**

YOU
THINK YOU'RE
SAFE. YOU DON'T
GOTTA WORRY.
THE WALL IS
GUARDIN' YOU.
YOUR BIG FAT
WALL.

YOU
THINK THAT
WALL'S GONNA
SAVE YOU. HUH?
GHOULS CAN'T
GET OVER THE
WALL. RIGHT?

Go on,
boss. Burst
their
bubble!

THE MISSISSIPPI WALL IS
AMERICA'S SAFETY NET.

STRETCHING NORTH AND SOUTH
COUNTRYWIDE ALONG THE
MIGHTY RIVER, IT SEPARATES
THE UNDEAD STATES FROM
THE LIVING AND PERMITS US A
MEASURE OF RELIEF FROM THE
UNTOLD HORRORS BEYOND.

Keep
yer eyes
on the
picture.

LIVE FROM ST. LOUIS

**TORTURE
TV**

SEE
HOW EASY
IT IS?

SO MUCH
FOR YOUR
WALL.

BOOM!

RIGHT NOW,
WE'RE EXPLODING
SECTIONS OF THE WALL
IN ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA,
MISSOURI, IOWA,
AND WISCONSIN.
FUN. HUH?

MY GOD.

WHOA.

D-DAD?
THEY CAN GET US
WHENEVER THEY
WANT TO. THEY'RE
JUST **PLAYING**
WITH US.

MAN'S
GOTTA DO
WHAT A MAN'S
GOTTA DO.

YOUR
PRECIOUS
WALL. GONE.
YOUR
SECURITY.
GONE.

YOUR
SAFETY.
GONE!

GONE!

GONE!



MY
FRIENDZ
ARE NOT
CROSSING
THROUGH TO
YOUR **LIVING**
STATES.

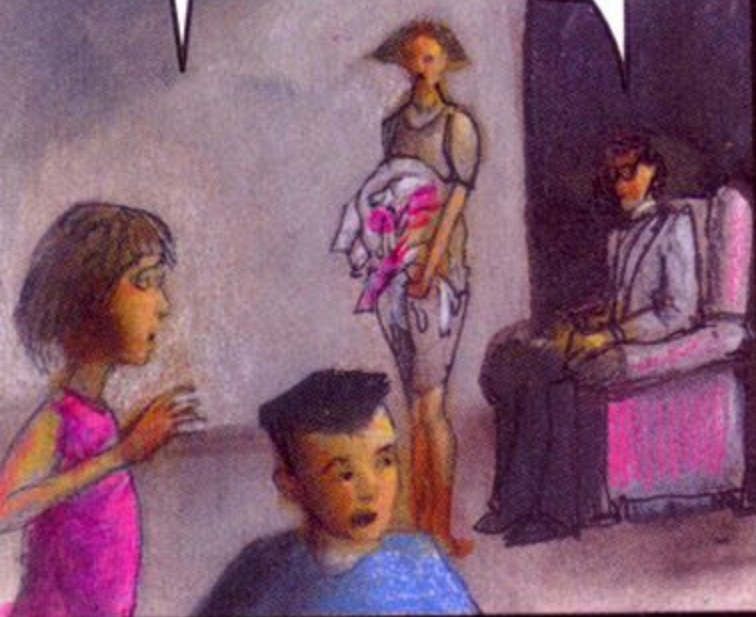
BUT WE
COULD. ANY
TIME.

HOW
WILL YOU
KNOW?



DADDY? WE'LL BE
OKAY, WONT
WE?

GET YOUR CLOTHES
PACKED. WE'RE
LEAVING
TONIGHT!



BOY!



WE CAN CROSS
ANYTIME WE WANT TO.
THINK ABOUT **THAT**
TONIGHT -- IN THE
DARK.



YOU
WON'T KNOW
WE'RE COMING
TILL IT'S TOO
LATE.



IT'S
OKAY! IT'S
GOING TO BE
ALL RIGHT.
YOU'LL
SEE.

NO!
REALLY,
MOM?

W-WE
P-PROMISE!



M-MOM? S-SHOULDN'T
WE TELL SOMEONE
WE'RE LEAVIN'?

HUSH.
HELP D-DADDY
INTO THE
CAR.

WHERE
WE GONNA GO?
WHERE IS IT
SAFE?

I-I
DON'T
KNOW.



SORRY
'BOUT THIS,
KIDS.

THE
END IS
COMING!

KNOW
WHY? **NUKES!**
IT'S **LOADED**
WITH 'EM OVER
HERE!

KRIC
KRAK
**BOOM
BOOM
BOOM**

THE WORLD'S
GONNA BE
ONE BIG OPEN
GRAVE!



Uh, DAD?
WHY DID YOU
SHOOT OUR
TV?

SOMETIMES
GARTH --
-- THERE'S
JUST NOTHING
GOOD ON THE
TUBE.



I DON'T
WANNA GO
TO SLEEP. IS IT
REAL OR MAKE
BELIEVE?

PLEASE
TELL ME
IT'S MAKE
BELIEVE.

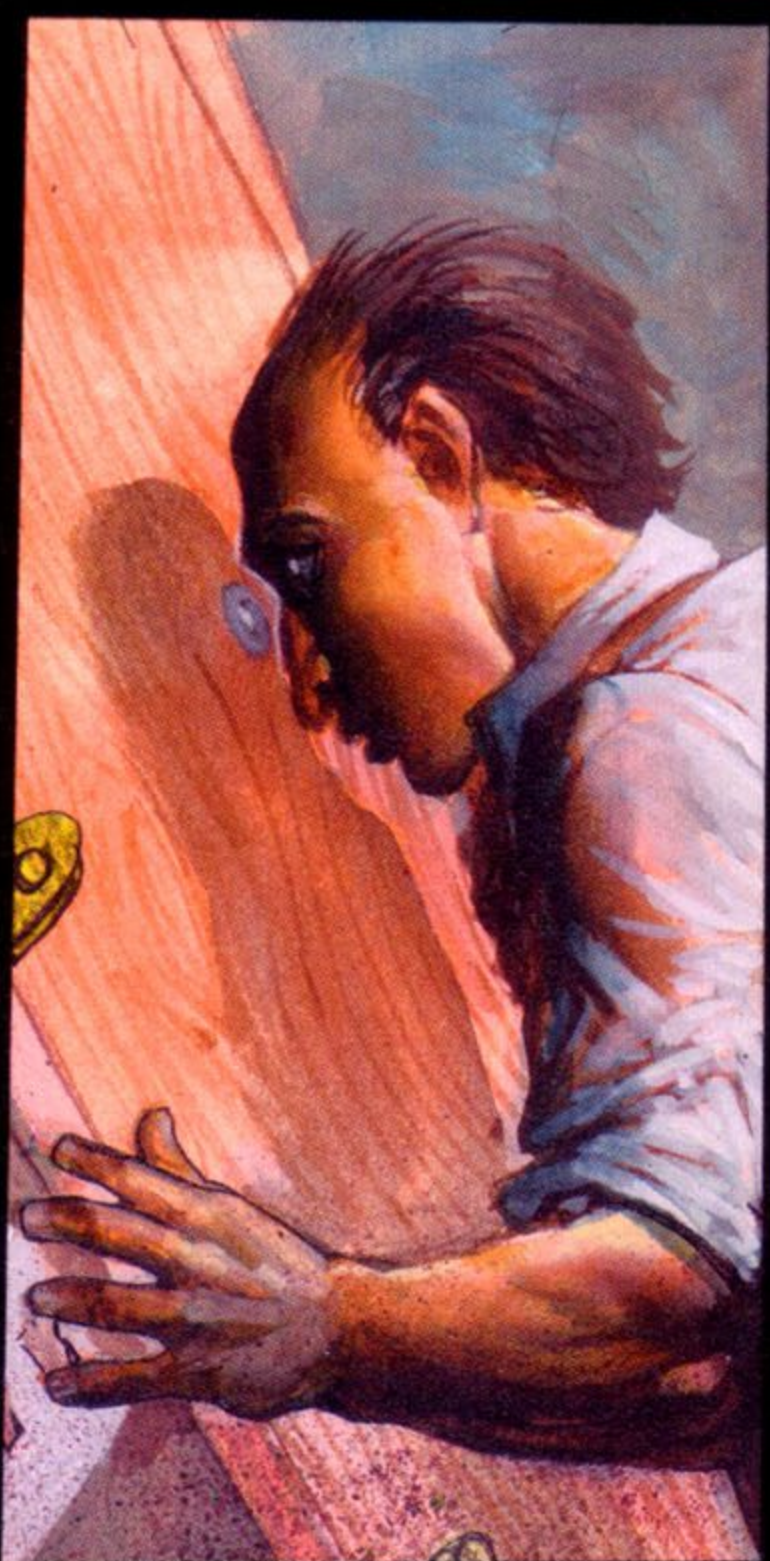


**KNOCK
KNOCK**

I'M
SORRY. IT'S
REAL. IT'S
REAL!

NOO!
IT'S *THEM*!
MAKE 'EM
GO AWAY!

SSHHHHH!



TRICK OR TREAT!



CLIK





ARE YOU
AFRAID?

GOOD.

IT'S
MY
GIFT TO
YOU!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

THE END

HA

HA

HA!!!

See you
soon!

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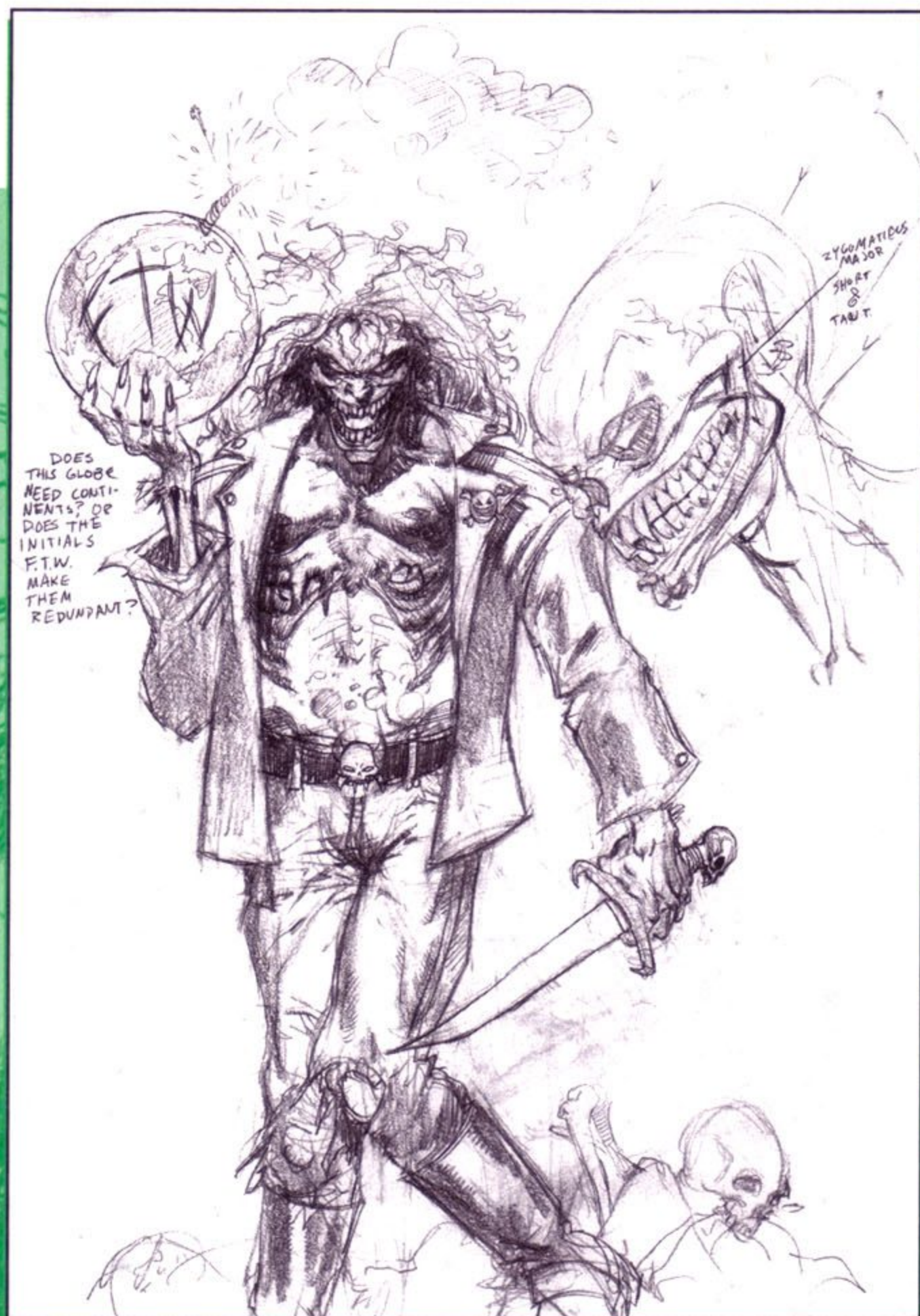
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BEHIND
THE
SCENES
GOODIES

"HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD..."

EVIL ERNIE FAIRCHILD'S ON A MISSION, BUT NOT FROM GOD. TO BE WITH HIS LOVE, LADY DEATH, ERNIE HAS TO CAUSE MEGADEATH, THE DEATH OF EVERYTHING ON EARTH. NOT AN EASY JOB, BUT IF ANY UNDEAD 17-YEAR-OLD WHO CONTROLS THE DEAD CAN DO IT, ERNIE CAN.

DON'T BE SCARED. IT'S ONLY A ROUGH SKETCH FOR THE EVIL ERNIE 1/2 COVER



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Awww...
A STORY THAT
TAKES PLACE ON
HALLOWEEN
WOULDN'T BE
COMPLETE WITH-
OUT A FEW TRICK-
OR-TREATERS. OF
COURSE, THIS
MIGHT BE THEIR
LAST CHANCE.

FOR EVIL ERNIE, DEATH IS A WAY OF LIFE



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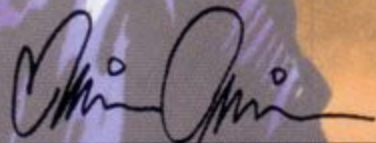
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